

KOREAN WAR VETERANS  
RECOGNITION ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. PETER T. KING**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 20, 2009*

Mr. KING of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I proudly rise in strong support of H.R. 2632, legislation that adds National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day, July 27, to the list of days on which the flag of the United States should be displayed. I am particularly proud to have joined my colleague from New York, Mr. RANGEL, who served with great distinction and valor in the Korean War, in being an original cosponsor of this bill.

The Korean War was a major battlefield in the Cold War as American forces and our allies fought so heroically to resist North Korean aggression and prevent communist forces from imposing their rule on the Republic of Korea.

Nearly seven million Americans served during the Korean War period and this legislation offers a fitting tribute to honor their contributions and sacrifices. And there were many. The United States suffered 54,246 casualties and over 8,000 POW/MIAs during this "Forgotten War." H.R. 2632 properly recognizes their efforts and ensures that American courage and resolve in Korea will never be forgotten by authorizing the U.S. flag to be flown at half-staff on July 27.

I urge adoption of the legislation.

## FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 16, 2009*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3170) making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes:

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Chair, I rise in support of H.R. 3170, the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

I am especially supportive of Congressman STEVEN LATOURETTE's amendment to restrict funding to GM and Chrysler if the auto companies follow through with their plans to close dealerships, and I thank Chairman DAVID OBEY of the Appropriations Committee as well as Majority Leader HOYER for their efforts to protect the LaTourette amendment.

The crisis in the automobile industry has devastated Ohio and my district. Statewide, it is estimated that the bankruptcies of GM and Chrysler, with the accompanying dealership closings, will cost up to 8,000 jobs and approximately \$300 million in state income tax revenue. Moreover, the state could lose an additional \$250 million in sales tax revenue.

I cannot stand by arbitrary and capricious decisionmaking that will destroy the communities in my district. Hundreds of employees of

other industries inextricably linked to auto dealerships will also lose their jobs, and the cascade of destruction through the local economy will continue.

We must not let this happen.

RECOGNIZING CONTRIBUTIONS OF  
JOHN WILLIAM HEISMAN TO  
FOOTBALL

SPEECH OF

**HON. PHIL GINGREY**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 20, 2009*

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Con. Res. 123, recognizing the historical and national significance of the many contributions of John William Heisman to the sport of football.

John Heisman was born in Cleveland, Ohio in 1869 and was raised in Titusville, Pennsylvania where he began playing football as a young boy. At that time, football was not played as it is today, but instead it resembled more of a rugby match. In 1887, Heisman left his home town for Brown University, where he participated in club football with his classmates. However, two years later he transferred to the University of Pennsylvania to pursue a law degree. Even though Heisman was outsize at 5'8", he continued his collegiate career playing varsity football for three years at guard, tackle, center, and as an end.

John Heisman was nearly debilitated from being struck by lightning and in turn had to take his final exams at the University of Pennsylvania orally to achieve his law degree in 1892. From there, he received his first coaching position at Oberlin College, where he led the team to an undefeated season in its second full season at the school. Clearly, Heisman had found a niche in coaching football, and his illustrious career was just beginning.

His coaching career continued with stints at the University of Akron, Auburn University, Clemson University, the University of Pennsylvania, Washington and Jefferson College, and Rice University. However, while his coaching career extended from 1892–1927, his most memorable years were from 1904–1919 when he coached at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, GA. At Georgia Tech, Heisman had an astounding record of 102–29–6, and even held three undefeated seasons with 33 straight wins. Heisman went on to retire from the game he loved and so heavily influenced in 1927 at the age of 62. Even though Georgia Tech is my own alma mater, I think that every football player, coach, and fan will recognize that Heisman's record of achievement deserves our praise.

John Heisman's retirement did not last long as he moved to New York and found time to write about his experiences and served in various advisory positions. Because of his influence on the athletic community there he was asked to serve as the first Athletic Director of the Downtown Athletic Club in New York City on May 23, 1930. While serving in this capacity, Heisman organized and founded the Touchdown Club of New York, and later the National Football Coaches Association.

The Downtown Athletic Club insisted that Heisman design a voting system to honor and

award the best collegiate football player of each year. Because of his humble love and respect for the game of football, he initially did not want to design such a system due to his misgivings about promoting a player over the importance of teamwork. However, he later noted that it would be a consummate team accomplishment to have such an award for one of its players. The first Downtown Athletic Club Award was given to Jay Berwanger in 1935, but John Heisman would be unable to award this distinguished honor to another young man in 1936 as he contracted pneumonia and passed away later that year. Shortly thereafter, the Downtown Athletic Club renamed their renowned trophy after its founder, calling it the Heisman Memorial Trophy.

Mr. Speaker, John Heisman has had a lasting impact on the game of football, and he undoubtedly inspires young men each year. The Heisman Trophy Award is the most sought after accolade in college football, and those who have honorably achieved that distinction will forever remember the accomplishments of the man that bears its name. Heisman molded the game of football to include the "hike" from a center to a quarterback, and he claimed his most notable achievement was enacting the forward pass into the rules of the game; both of which are staples of today's sport of football. I applaud John Heisman and recognize his lifetime of service and accomplishment in the game of football.

I urge all of my colleagues to support this resolution, and I yield back.

TRIBUTE TO RUTH YVONNE  
WILLOUGHBY POOLE**HON. CORRINE BROWN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 23, 2009*

Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida. Madam Speaker, this communication is forwarded on behalf of the constituents of Congressional District Three and myself as we pay tribute to the life of Ruth Yvonne Willoughby Poole. We are all saddened that Yvonne is gone, but joyful that she has gone to be with her Heavenly Father.

On this occasion, we join with the immediate family and loved ones in saying farewell and praising God for her life. Yvonne's tremendous character and accomplishments earned her the respect of her family, friends, and community. Yvonne was a role model for so many young people, founding her own real estate brokerage at the age of 29. Her trailblazing in this industry was truly inspirational and paved the way for so many others to succeed. As you experience this tremendous loss, please know that our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family, especially Yvonne's son, R. Donahue Peebles Jr., and Yvonne's grandchildren, R. Donahue Peebles III and Chloe Alexandra Peebles.

We are happy to stand with everyone recognizing Yvonne's life on July 27 at 11 a.m. in The Washington National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. There is an emptiness that only those who have lost a close relative can understand. May the sympathy of those who care make the sorrow of your heart less difficult to bear. Along with all residents of Congressional District Three, I extend my best

wishes to you and your family in these difficult times. I hope you will never hesitate to call on me or my staff if we may be of service in the future.

TRIBUTE TO BRIAN AND CONNIE  
VERMEULEN

**HON. KEN CALVERT**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to a couple from my congressional district who have spent their lives giving back to their community in Orange County, California. Brian and Connie Vermeulen are dedicated public servants, fully committed to improving the quality of life in the City of San Juan Capistrano for both neighbors and visitors. I was happy to learn that their selfless commitment to the values, ideals and traditions that this country was founded upon has earned them recognition from the San Juan Capistrano Chamber of Commerce as Man and Woman of the Year.

Brian and Connie both moved with their families to the Capistrano Valley in the early 1960s. They also both attended the parish grammar school and have remained members of the San Juan Mission parish ever since. Over the years, while busy running a business and raising children and grandchildren, they have never missed an opportunity to get involved with the community.

Together, Brian and Connie have become champions for a number of cherished local organizations, such as the Boys and Girls Club and the Fiesta Association. They have logged countless hours as yearly volunteers for the San Juan Historical Society and the Capistrano 4-H Rangers. Aside from their joint ventures, the Vermeulens also pursue their passions individually. Brian volunteers his time and talent as a Little League Coach and Connie is involved with religious education programs at the Mission parish.

The Vermeulens are the kind of citizens that this country can be proud of; humble and hardworking, they truly represent the heart of America. I want to thank Brian and Connie Vermeulen not just for their tremendous sacrifice and remarkable accomplishment, but for providing us all with a glowing example of what it means to be an American.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. KAY GRANGER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I, KAY GRANGER, submit the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3288, the Department of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of Fiscal Year 2010.

For the project titled "Henderson Street Bridge Construction at the Trinity River, City of Fort Worth, TX," which received \$1.35 million in H.R. 3288, Surface Transportation Priorities,

the legal name and address of the receiving entity is the City of Fort Worth, Texas, 1000 Throckmorton Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102. The City of Fort Worth, Texas, will use this funding for the design, engineering and construction of SH 199 (Henderson Street) through the Trinity Uptown area of the Trinity River Vision. The aging levee system is no longer adequate to provide protection for an area adjacent to downtown Fort Worth that is undergoing revitalization. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recommends in the final Environmental Impact Statement an integrated, comprehensive solution for flood control in this area to include transportation, environmental restoration and community redevelopment components in constructing a 1.5 mile flood-control bypass channel. Local cost share is \$23.5 million.

For the project titled "Alliance Airport Runway Extension Program, TX," which received \$750,000 in H.R. 3288, Airport Improvement Program, the legal name and address of the receiving entity is Alliance Air Services, City of Fort Worth, TX, 2221 Alliance Boulevard, Suite 100, Fort Worth, TX 76177. Funds will be used to extend the existing main runway. The extension project includes lengthening the runway by 1,400 feet to 11,000 feet and includes extension of taxiways, relocation of FM Road 156, relocation of BNSF main line, and extension of Eagle Parkway, at a total cost of \$212 million. Local match is \$50 to \$60 million.

For the project titled "CNG Bus Replacement," The Fort Worth Transportation Authority, Fort Worth, TX, which received \$750,000 in H.R. 3288, Buses and Bus Facilities, the legal name and address of the receiving entity is the Fort Worth Transportation Authority, 1600 E. Lancaster Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76102. These funds will continue the replacement of the T's aging bus fleet and pay for the cost of replacing buses. When the total project is completed, the fleet will be 100 percent wheel chair accessible and complete with security cameras for driver and passenger safety. Local cost match is 20 percent.

For the project titled "Interstate-20 Interchanges, Parker County, TX," which received \$500,000 in H.R. 3288, Interstate Maintenance Discretionary, the legal name and address of the receiving entity is Parker County, TX, One Courthouse Square, Weatherford, TX 76086. Parker County, TX, approved an \$80 million transportation bond program that would improve its roadway systems, decrease congestion and provide additional capacity for the heavy truck traffic. This project would upgrade two IH-20 interchanges: the Western Loop and the FM 1187 interchanges. The amount requested will be utilized for environmental studies involved with the planning and design, engineering design, surveys, geotechnical studies for the bridge structure, and right-of-way acquisition for the two IH-20 interchanges at FM 1187 and at the Western Loop. This bond program was approved in November 2008 with a 64 percent approval. In the lead up to the vote, Parker County created a public website on the package, held at least 12 public outreach meetings. Parker County is working with the Federal Highway Administration, TXDOT and the local regional transportation council.

For the project titled "Fort Worth Transportation Authority Southwest-to-Northeast Rail Corridor, TX," which received \$4 million in

H.R. 3288, Capital Improvement Grants, the legal name and address of the receiving entity is Fort Worth Transportation Authority, 1600 E. Lancaster Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76102. The Fort Worth Transportation Authority has developed plans for a rail line across Tarrant County. This project is a 37-mile commuter rail project linking Southwest Fort Worth with downtown (with interface to existing Trinity Rail Express), northeast Tarrant County, and D/FW International Airport. This project would create a western light rail loop into the metroplex's major airport, and complement an eastern rail loop being developed by DART. The draft environmental impact statement was recently completed, and it is in the engineering level range. The local and state match is 50 percent through the T's dedicated sales tax funds as well as other municipal sales tax funds. Federal CMAQ funds have also been used for a portion of this project.

For the project titled "Trinity River Vision Land Acquisition," which received \$500,000 in H.R. 3288, Economic Development Initiative, the legal name and address of the receiving entity is the City of Fort Worth, Texas, 1000 Throckmorton Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102. The aging levee system is no longer adequate to provide protection for an area adjacent to downtown Fort Worth that is undergoing revitalization. The Army Corps of Engineers recommends in the final Environmental Impact Statement an integrated, comprehensive solution for flood control in this area to include transportation, environmental restoration and community redevelopment components in constructing a 1.5 mile flood-control bypass channel. These funds will be used for property acquisition for land that will be needed to construct the bypass channel and bridges over the Trinity River. Local cost share is \$15 million.

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF  
COMMANDER MARK MESERVEY  
OF THE UNITED STATES COAST  
GUARD

**HON. RICK LARSEN**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the accomplishments and contributions of Commander Mark Meservy of the United States Coast Guard for his professional and credible service to the United States Congress.

A native of Chatham, Massachusetts, Commander Meservy has served as Director of the Coast Guard's House of Representatives Liaison Office with distinction since July 2006. In this capacity, he worked directly with Member offices resolving hundreds of constituent issues as well as with the Coast Guard's appropriations and authorizing committees to ensure the Service received the necessary resources and legislative authorities to effectively execute its eleven congressionally-man-dated missions. CDR Meservy's precise attention to detail, tested operational experience as a military aviator, and selfless dedication to the U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. House of Representatives made him an invaluable asset to both Members and Staff. I personally came to